FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 5, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 513 - HB 811**

This bill, if enacted, will provide that prior to retirement, any teacher who has unused accumulated sick leave shall be allowed to transfer all or a portion of that leave to a spouse who will be credited with the leave as creditable service.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures to the extent that:

- 1. A lower salaried teacher transfers sick leave to a higher salaried spouse, resulting in higher benefits payable.
- 2. Sick leave is used by the transferee to qualify for benefits that they would otherwise not qualify for.
- 3. Sick leave is transferred by a teacher who would not be able to use such leave if such teacher planned to terminate employment prior to retirement.

The estimated increase in state expenditures would be offset to some extent from the teacher transferring the leave no longer having such leave to count as retirement credit.

A reasonable estimate of the net increase in state expenditures cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000 in the long run.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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